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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Huse, et al.

Examiner: Helms, Larry Ronald

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RESPONSE

Titled: METHODS OF OPTIMIZING
ANTIBODY VARIABLE REGION
BINDING AFFINITY

Indianapolis, Indiana

46206-6288

08-DEC-2004

Sir:

5 In response to the Office Action dated 08-JUN-2004, in connection with the above
identified application, the time for responding having been extended to 08-DEC-2004 by
Applicants' presently requesting a three-month extension of time under Rule §1.136(3)
authorizing the office to charge any necessary fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) to Deposit
Account No. 05-0840 in the name of Eli Lilly & Co., Applicants provide the following
10 timely amendment and respectfully request examination and consideration of the application
in view of the following remarks:

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

15 I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an
envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date appearing
below.

ELI LILLY AND COMPANY

By Linda M. Durbin Date December 8, 2004